



Fleet Hospital 107







Christmas, 1944

THIS third Christmas for U. S. Fleet Hospital No. 107 is an appropriate time for me, as your Commanding Officer, to express to you my satisfaction with the tasks you and your predecessors have so well completed. Your patience, skill and devotion to duty have meant health and life itself for many of our sick and wounded comrades.

The tasks ahead will be hard, too, but let us face them with confidence and enthusiasm and in the knowledge that we are engaged in a worthwhile endeavor for our fellows. It is such an endeavor, after all, that is an essential part of the Christmas spirit.

P. P. Gurn

Captain, MC, U. S. N.





U. S. FLEET HOSPITAL No. 107, first known as U. S. Naval Mobile Hospital No. 7, was commissioned at Brooklyn, New York, 9 July 1942. The first Commanding Officer was Captain W. C. Espach, MC, USN, and the first Executive Officer was Captain C. R. Tatum, MC, USN. The original staff consisted of thirty-two officers and two hundred and forty-five enlisted men.

This original unit left the United States 28 November 1942, arriving in New Caledonia 11 December 1942. Equipment soon arrived in quantity, and construction began immediately. The Hospital was put into full operation 22 April 1943, with the admission of the first group of patients.

Navy Nurses reported for duty in July 1943. By the early part of August, there was a fully organized complement of fifty nurses, with Lieutenant (jg) Lenore Terrell acting as the Chief Nurse.

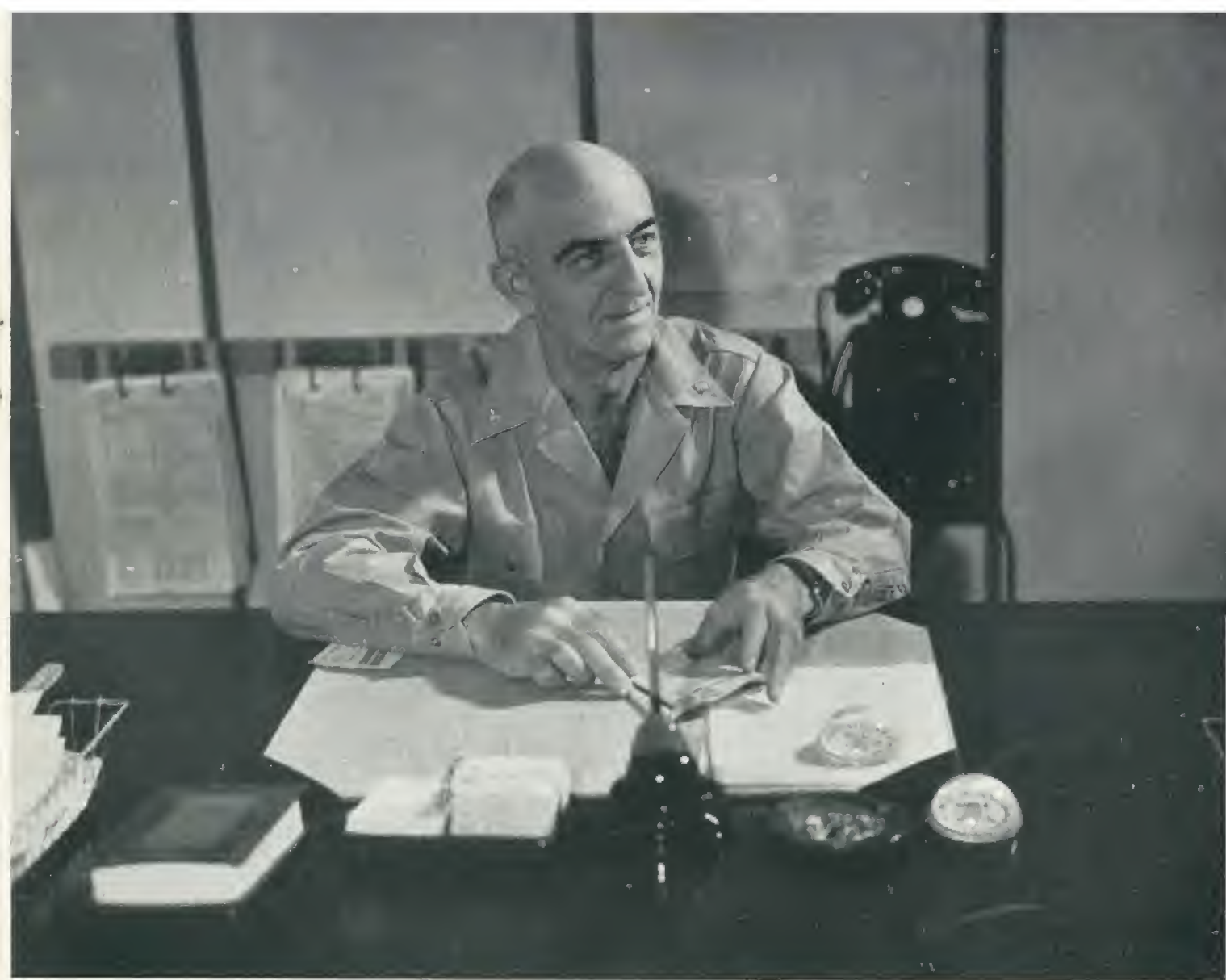
Captain J. M. Woodard, MC, USN, relieved Captain Tatum as Executive Officer 24 March 1944.

The present Commanding Officer, Captain R. R. Gasser, MC, USN, relieved Captain Espach 31 March 1944.

The present Executive Officer, Captain D. D. Stofer, MC, USNR, relieved Captain Woodard 27 July 1944.

In May of 1944 the Hospital was redesignated as U. S. Fleet Hospital No. 107.





CAPTAIN R. R. CASSER, MC, USN

CAPTAIN D. D. STOFER, MC, USNR





OFFICERS

Seated, left to right

Commander M. G. O'BRIEN, MC-V(S) USNR
 Commander A. J. WINELAND, MC-V(S) USNR
 Commander J. D. MABRY, MC-V(S) USNR
 Commander J. LOVE, MC-V(S) USNR
 Commander W. L. ROGERS, MC-V(S) USNR
 Captain R. R. GASSER (MC) USN
 Captain D. D. STOFER, MC-V(S) USNR
 Commander E. G. GIVHAN, MC-V(S) USNR
 Commander E. P. BUGBEE, MC-V(S) USNR
 Commander A. P. PRESTON, MC-V(S) USNR

Standing, left to right

Lieutenant J. P. SOLTYSIAK (HC) USN
 Lieutenant H. S. SISE, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. E. J. MAHON, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant M. CUTLER, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. J. E. GOODMAN, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. J. A. B. FERSHTAND, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant I. E. BRENNER, DC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant L. V. SMILEY, MC-V(G) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. W. D. OWEN (DC) USN
 Lieut-Comdr. L. L. KENNEY, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. M. J. O'CONNELL, MC-V(S) USNR

Standing, left to right (continued)

Lieut(jg) D. W. CROESSMANN, SC-V(G) USNR
 Lieut(jg) W. C. BUSCH, H-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. C. C. HECK, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. C. E. ARLANDER, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant H. V. ZUBER, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant H. ROYER, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. K. E. SHEARON, DC-V(G) USNR
 Lieutenant N. R. SCHUHMACHER, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. J. J. HEAD, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant E. A. GAW, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. D. G. HENDERSON, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant H. P. WALL, DC-V(G) USNR
 Lieut-Comdr. H. W. GOLDBLATT, MC-V(G) USNR
 Lieutenant H. H. MARTIN, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant H. V. STEVENSON, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieut(jg) J. H. HATHAWAY (HC) USN
 Ch.Pharm. J. J. KIERSTEAD, USN
 Lieutenant J. U. HALBMAIER, ChC-V(S) USNR
 Ch.Pharm. P. L. ALLERS, USN
 Lieut-Comdr. L. L. ARNTSEN, MC-V(S) USNR
 Lieutenant L. E. PRYOR (HC) USN
 Lieutenant J. J. KOUTSKY, MC-V(G) USNR
 Ch.Pharm. W. L. SCIFRES, USN
 Lieutenant J. L. CARTER, ChC-V(S) USNR



NURSES

Seated, left to right (First Row)

Lieut(jg) M. S. COSTELLO
 Lieut(jg) E. H. LICHTENWALD
 Lieut(jg) I. J. LATTER
 Lieut(jg) H. B. DEREMER
 Lieut(jg) L. A. TERRELL, Chief Nurse
 Lieut(jg) G. SPENCER
 Lieut(jg) J. G. TROYAN
 Lieut(jg) M. A. FEIGE
 Lieut(jg) E. F. McALOON

Standing, left to right (First Row)

Ensign V. D. SINGLETON
 Ensign M. K. SINGLETON
 Ensign J. V. MAKOWIEC
 Ensign E. H. SHAW
 Ensign D. H. CROWLEY
 Ensign M. L. McEACHERN
 Ensign E. M. HINDS
 Ensign P. M. O'GRADY
 Ensign S. E. BRENNAN
 Ensign E. MARION
 Ensign E. W. LORD
 Ensign R. A. COLLINS
 Ensign E. P. SPANISH

Standing, left to right (Second Row)

Ensign D. L. JENSEN
 Ensign N. E. SPEED
 Ensign M. E. LIPUSECK
 Ensign S. A. LEGENC
 Ensign I. L. JAMES
 Ensign M. L. HOWARD
 Ensign M. F. MOAURO
 Ensign E. D. McKENNA
 Ensign C. E. GUSTAFSON
 Ensign M. HARRISS
 Lieut(jg) P. C. WATSON
 Lieut(jg) O. G. McCLATCHEY

Standing, left to right (Third Row)

Ensign J. M. LIEBTAG
 Ensign A. E. MEYER
 Ensign W. F. JONES
 Ensign J. E. KNIGHT
 Ensign M. M. DEGNER
 Ensign C. M. SPRAGUE
 Ensign K. B. DAVISON
 Ensign D. E. MOORE
 Ensign E. B. EDWARDS
 Ensign M. K. JOHNSON



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

Seated, left to right

Walter G. FOX, CEM(PA) USN
 Paul M. STEWART, CPhM(AA) USN
 Francis J. BROCANI, CPhM(T) USNR
 Norman A. ELPERS, CPhM(T) USNR
 Francis R. PIDGEON, CPhM(AA) USNR
 John W. BRAEUTIGAM, Jr., CPhM(PA) USN
 Raymond L. LaFLAMME, CCS(AA) USN
 Samuel E. McDOWELL, CY(PA) USNR
 Henderson B. WARNOCK, CPhM(AA) USNR

Standing, left to right

Edwin A. SHERIDAN, CSp(A) (PA) USNR
 Charles R. WALKER, CPhM(PA) USN
 Darris M. OSBURN, CPhM(AA) USNR
 James E. BOURLAND, CPhM(AA) USNR
 William J. BRADY, CPhM(PA) USN
 Robert E. HAGGERTY, CPhM(AA) USNR
 Thomas L. McDONEL, CCS(AA) USN
 Raymond C. KOVACH, CPhM(PA) USNR
 "J" "B" MURPHY, CPhM(AA) USN
 Leveless N. GARDNER, CSp(A) (T) USNR
 William G. CASSADY, CPhM(AA) (T) USNR
 William F. NAUGHTON, CMM(PA) USNR



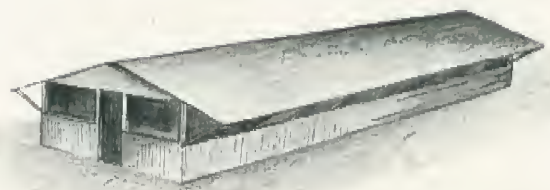
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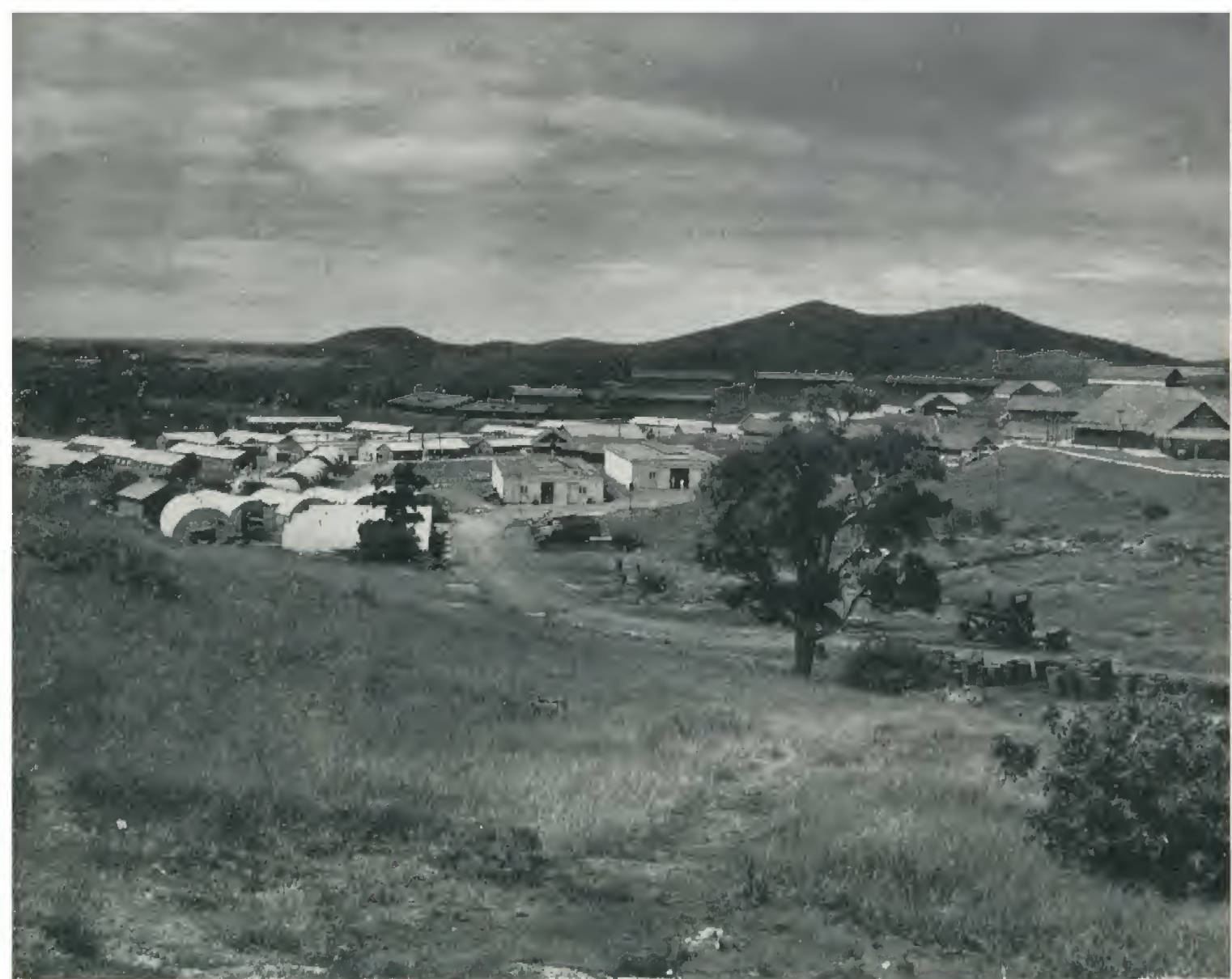




BARRACKS INTERIOR



Tropical Barracks



FROM THE NOUMEA ROAD

VIEWS OF THE

THIS is the first view obtained when approaching the Hospital. The level ground at the right center is the area into which the original company moved after arrival. Here they lived in tents during the months in which they and the SeaBee units constructed the Hospital buildings.

The nearest hut at right center is the Officers' Club, constructed from native materials by members of the Ship's Company.



FROM THE MOVIE AREA

C O M P O U N D

MOVIES are shown at the theater every evening for the patients and the off-duty watch. Two portable 35 mm. projectors are a part of station equipment. A portable 16 mm. projector is used for showing movies in the wards.

Seen at the right of the screen are the native grass huts used for Sick Officers' Quarters, Nurses' Quarters, and Staff Officers' Quarters.



FROM ABOVE BARRACKS E

VIEWS OF THE

THE major functions of the Hospital take place in the buildings centered in the above view. Included in the scene are the administration buildings, surgical wards, medical wards, operating rooms, clinics, X-ray, physiotherapy, and laboratories.

The building across the foreground is one of the barracks for the crew.



FROM SHIP'S SERVICE TERRACE

C O M P O U N D

THIS view is taken from Ship's Service Terrace near the recreation hall. Adjacent to the main street are the administration building, wards numbered one to thirteen, operating room A, the dental clinic, X-ray, G. U. clinic, central supply room, the galley, and mess halls.

The buildings are of prefabricated metal construction identical to that used in all Fleet hospitals.

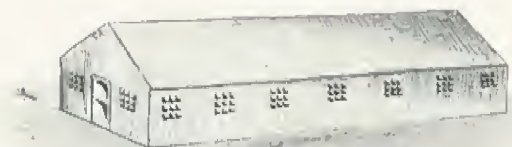


MAINTENANCE AREA

PICTURED above are shops and warehouses of various maintenance departments. Adjacent to the tennis court are the carpenter shop, optical shop (Base Optical Unit No. 1), outside M. A. A., engineering office, electrical shop, ship-fitter's shop, garage, armory, paint locker, boatswain's locker, medical stores warehouses, and medical stores issue room.



THE INTERIOR OF A SURGICAL WARD



Typical Ward



RED CROSS WORKERS.

From left to right: Miss JANE MAYHEW, Miss CAROLYN PARABO, Miss CAROL WEAVERLING, Miss REBECCA VAN METER.

THREE American Red Cross hospital workers arrived at U. S. Fleet Hospital No. 107 on 26 May 1944, to begin a program of welfare and recreational activities for the enlisted personnel. These workers were Miss Carol Weaverling, Assistant Field Director; Miss Rebecca Van Meter, Recreation Worker; and Miss Jane Mayhew, Secretary. On 20 July 1944, a fourth worker, Miss Carolyn Parabo, Staff Aide, reported for duty.

Red Cross facilities for financial assistance, communications, and counselling are now available for those with personal or family problems. A well-equipped craft shop and recreation center are open to all. Ward parties and visitations are planned for bed patients, while other recreational activities are carried on for ambulatory patients. Health and comfort articles and recreation supplies are regularly distributed. The staff has welcomed the opportunity of cooperating with the Athletic and Recreation Committee in arranging dances and other activities for the crew.

CRAFT SHOP ACTIVITIES





RECREATION HALL

THE RECREATION HALL AND SHIP'S SERVICE

THE Recreation Hall is the center of entertainment and recreation for the crew. It was built by the men after the main hospital buildings were completed. The mural shown in the above picture is one of several painted by Bill Haynes, PhM₂/c.

The Recreation Hall is equipped with four ping-pong tables, pool table, piano, and various game tables. In one wing is an excellent library of about three thousand volumes. Books are loaned to all hands, and a bookcart serves the wards for bed patients. There is a large reading and writing room.

In the opposite wing is Ship's Service. Here the lines form for daily ice cream. Candy, cigarettes, and innumerable articles of merchandise are available. There is everything that a homesick sailor needs—well, almost everything.

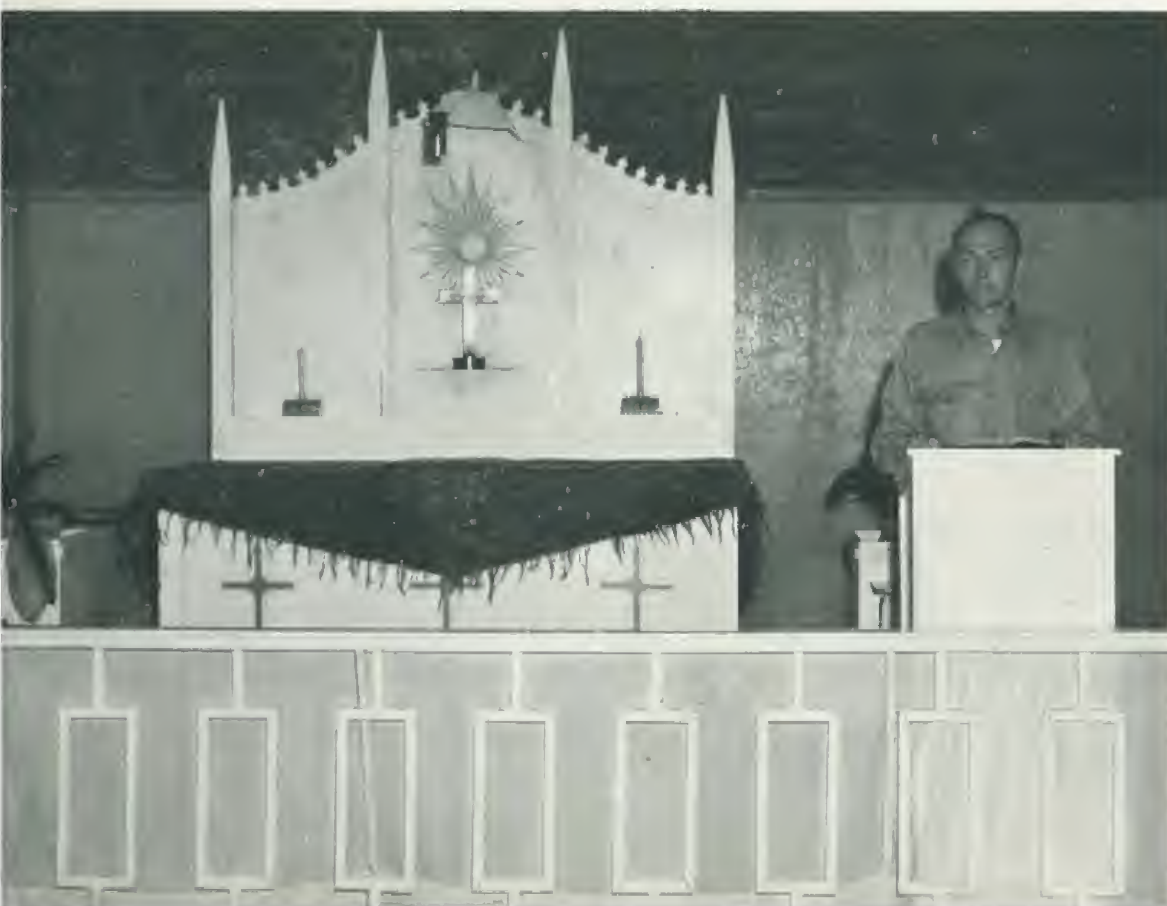
SHIP'S SERVICE





CHAPLAIN HALBMAIER

CHAPLAIN CARTER





THE AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART





Officers' Grass Hut

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